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2009*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY

The DARE Voter

February 5 – Health Program 3:00 PM at Outer Banks Hospital

The League of Women Voters of Dare County will host a presentation entitled **Navigating Cancer in Dare County** on the University of North Carolina (UNC) Nurse Navigation Program on Thursday, February 5 at 3 p.m. in The Cancer Resource Center located in the medical office building adjacent to the Outer Banks Hospital in Nags Head.

The Nurse Navigation Program is a part of the UNC/Dare County Cancer Initiative that began last June offering Dare County residents access to cancer research and care through UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center staff of specialists. Two nurse navigators, funded by the University Cancer Research Fund, are part of the pilot cancer outreach program in Dare County. The two nurse navigators are Nancy Easterday, RN, MBA and Lynn Mills, RN, MSW.

As nurse navigators, Easterday and Mills help patients and their families through the assortment of challenges they face when confronted with the prospect of cancer. They help arrange contacts for medical, financial and transportation concerns. Their assistance is offered free of charge.

Anyone wishing to attend this information session should contact Rose Deacon, Health Services Chairperson of the League of Women Voters at (252) 261-7673.

Anyone having questions about the program may visit:
<http://cancer.unc.edu/darecounty/nurse.asp>
or call Nancy Easterday or Lynn Mills, the nurse navigators,
at (252) 449-8265.



February 26 -- Distribution of Citizens Guide

2009 Citizens Guide Coming Soon -- The 2009 Citizens Guide has gone to press and will be available in early February. As in past years, we will need your help distributing the Guide to businesses and organizations who contributed to the publication as well as distribution points throughout the county. We will meet on February 26 at 10:00 AM at the home of Jeannette Anderson, 76 Trinitie Trail in Southern Shores, for coffee and proceed to load up and deliver the guides throughout the county. We especially need volunteers willing to deliver to groups in Hatteras.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Guide distribution, please contact Jeannette Anderson at 255-0035, jander5020@aol.com or Carole Burchett at 261-6380, tlcrburchett@charter.net

Many thanks to the following Outer Banks businesses, organizations and individuals whose contributions enabled us to publish the Guide this year:

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MARCH

"The Advisability of Using the National Popular Vote Compact among the States as a Method for Electing the President" is the topic of a consensus study proposed by the LWV US at their 2008 Convention.

The US League believes that the Electoral College should be abolished and not merely "reformed." The National Popular Vote Compact proposal offers a method of achieving the result of election of the President by popular vote without amending the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College. Instead, this method *uses* the mechanism of the Electoral College to ensure that the candidate who receives the most popular votes is elected President of the United States.

The US League has asked local league members to participate in a consensus study on the National Popular Vote Compact. The study process will be similar to last year's immigration study with members being asked to review background information and then come together to discuss the issue, respond to consensus questions and forward the results to the national League in order that the LWV of the US can formulate a national policy.

The consensus meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 12:30 PM in the Café/Conference Room at Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd in Kill Devil Hills. A sandwich buffet will be available at noon for \$10.00 per person. Please contact Connie Cogger at 261-3599 or wcogger@embarqmail.com to make a reservation.

Please review information regarding the study which is available on the LWVUS website:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=12524>

State of the Older Adult Conference is being presented by the County of Dare on Friday, March 27 at the College of the Albemarle Conference in Manteo. League member Lucille McGrath is one of the Co-Chairs of the Conference and Health Services Chair Rose Deacon is assisting with logistics. Breakout sessions will cover various issues which seniors living on the Outer Banks face as they age. Topics to be discussed include Communication, Senior Friendly Businesses, Access to Medical Care and Aging in the Home. There is no charge to attend the conference and a registration form with meeting details is included in this newsletter.

The league of Women Voters has agreed to provide support for this interesting and informative meeting. We are looking for volunteers to provide baked goods for the afternoon refreshment break. Please contact Rose Deacon at 261-7673 if you are able to make a contribution.

Notes from the Co-Presidents

On January 15, the League sponsored a program entitled "**Immigration – the Economic Impact in Dare County**". Speakers representing employers, service providers and law enforcement in Dare County provided an overview of the immigration situation in the county to a full house at the Pitts Center in Southern Shores.

Organized by LWV Program Director Cheryl Byrd and member Pat Haresch, the program began with overviews of the immigrant population in the county by Joe Heard, Kitty Hawk Town Planner, and Nancy Bellantine of Pathways International House.

The first panel of local employers was moderated by Amy Huggins. Speakers included Bob Oakes of Village Realty representing the Real Estate Industry, Ben Sproul of The Pit, representing the Restaurant Industry, Maxine Rossman of the Outer Banks Homebuilders Association representing the Homebuilding Industry, Robin Mann of Mann Custom Boats representing the Boat Building Industry and Max Dutton of Wal Mart representing the Retail Industry. Speakers touched upon the need for immigrant workers to augment the local work force especially during the peak tourist season and commented that immigrant workers are generally paid the same wages as local residents.

The second panel moderated by Mary Ellen Hawthorne consisted of local experts from several governmental and nonprofit organizations that provide services in Dare County and also provide these services to immigrants. Panelists included Bonnie Drewry from the Dare County Department of Social Services Bill Pitt, Chairman of Interfaith Community Outreach, Kathy Gunderson from the College of the Albemarle, Nancy Bellantine from Pathways International House and Rodney Midgett, Dare County Sheriff. The panelists summarized the services needed by and provided by their organizations.

Many thank to Cheryl Byrd and Pat Haresch for organizing one of the League's most successful meetings and to Amy Huggins and Mary Ellen Hawthorne for their moderating of the meeting and managing to coordinate presentations as well as questions and answers all within the allotted time. Also, thanks to all of the speakers for their participation and to Connie Cogger for coordinating the lunch prior to the meeting.

And finally thanks to the many members for their attendance and support of this interesting topic.

We look forward to seeing you again at the February and March meetings and stay tuned for an interesting Go-See Tour planned for April.

Also, please note that we need your help in distributing the Citizens Guide and to provide refreshments for the State of the Older Adult Conference on March 27. See details above.

Carole Burchett and Jeannette Anderson, Co-Presidents

Notes from the Education Chair

The Dare County Board of Education met on December 8, 2008 at Manteo Elementary School. Literacy workstations were the featured instructional highlight, presented by K-2 instructors with a group of students. Work stations are employed in classrooms for independent and partnered activities to foster exploration and expansion of literacy skills: reading, writing, listening, and working with letters and words. Work stations can provide differentiated instruction in order to help meet the individual needs of students.

Chairman Oaksmith reported that he would be scheduling a meeting in January with the Dare County Education Foundation for discussion of possible teacher housing in Hatteras.

The Board voted to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-2014 as presented. They also voted to adopt Policy 5023- Registered Sex Offenders to meet required state law. As well, Policy 4260-Student Sex Offenders was adopted.

On January 13, 2009 at First Flight High School the board met and approved the Technology Plan for 2009-2013 with little discussion. The primary educational goals of the plan are to prepare students for the 21st century and to recruit, train and retrain quality teachers and administrators, along with achieving district accreditation by 2011. The plan will be implemented to the extent that the budget allows.

Chief Finance Officer Anna McGinnis reported a "dismal budget picture" for next year, but with an effort to be made as to not affect instruction.

The major discussion of the evening involved the School Calendar for the years 2009-2010, 2010-2011. Superintendent Burgess gave a detailed description of the process for creating the calendar, parties involved, and the parameters guiding the development of the calendar.

State law requires that there are included: 215 days for teachers, 180 student days, 10 annual leave days, 10 holidays, 15 teacher workdays which include 8 required teacher workdays, 2 optional teacher workdays, and 5 protected optional workdays.

State law also requires that the first day of school for students may not be before August 25th, and the last day may not be after June 10. The date may not be moved to make up missed student days. The new calendars state that make up days will be on Saturday whenever possible, with a 12:00PM dismissal.

Superintendent Burgess indicated that parents and interested parties could get information on the proposed calendars from the web page and also channel 19.

The board did not vote on the proposed calendars.

The next Dare County Board of Ed meeting will be held at Manteo High School on February 10, 2009 at 6PM.

Audrey Esposito, Education Chair

State of the Older Adult Conference

PRESENTED BY

COUNTY OF DARE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

College of the Albemarle Campus
(across from Chesley Mall)

205 Highway 64/264, Manteo, NC

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

252-475-5635



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A - Communication - ensuring that our senior population knows and is able to take advantage of our senior services.

B - Senior Friendly Businesses - what local business do to cater to the needs of seniors.

C - Access to Medical Care - what daily, emergency, and specialized care is available to seniors as well as prescription information, long-term care and transportation services available.

D - Aging in the Home - services that allow seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

Please put 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices:

Session Choices A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

Check if transportation is needed _____

Do you have dietary restrictions? _____ If so, please list _____

There is no cost to attend. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided

Name _____		
Street Address/PO Box _____		
City/State/Zip _____		
Phone Number _____		
Email Address _____		
Please check all that apply:		
_____ 55 and older	_____ Caregiver	_____ Professional

Call 475-5636 if special accommodations are needed

Please send (or drop off) to: DCOAS

Baum Senior Center

P. O. Box 1000, Manteo, NC 27954

252-475-5635

Registration form must be returned no later than March 1, 2009





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